

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative
of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Request for Continued Examination filed Jan. 5, 2004
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the.
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ Including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
 - (b) ☐ Including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 2-9-04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald Kareken on February 9, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 3, 7, 9, line 1, change "amended" to "presented".

Claims 5 and 10, line 1, change "withdrawn" to "cancelled".

Claim 4, line 13, change "annual" to "annular".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach the claimed two part deposition target source where the deposition target source is exposed to an ion beam in a vacuum chamber when in use and having an interlocking interface formed by the mating surfaces of the claimed two part target source to enable detachment of the inner insert of the claimed two part target source for replacement after ion deposition.

Claim 4 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach the claimed two part target deposition source having the claimed mechanical interlocking lip structure wherein one of the lips defines an annular groove

and the other of the lips defines an annular ridge mating with the groove to prevent contaminants from passing between the mating surfaces.

Claims 8 and 9 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach a method of reusing the claimed two part deposition target source where the deposition target source is exposed to an ion beam in a vacuum chamber when in use and having an interlocking interface formed by the mating surfaces of the claimed two part target source to enable detachment of the inner insert of the claimed two part target source for reusing after ion deposition.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney G. McDonald whose telephone number is 571-272-1340. The examiner can normally be reached on M- Th with Every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam X. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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